

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TEHRAN 04419 100609Z
ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 HEW-04 CIAE-00 DODE-00
INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-01 ICA-11 SP-02 /052 W
-----057148 100653Z /10
R 091040Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8226
INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TEHRAN 04419

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINR, IR
SUBJ: EMPRESS SUPPORTS LIBERALIZATION OF EDUCATION

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS REPRINTED EXCERPTS FROM INTERVIEW ORIGINALLY APPEARING IN DUTCH MAGAZINE "ELSEVIERS". MUCH OF ARTICLE SEEMS TO BE REITERATION OF THE HARD-WORKING EMPRESS'S BUSY DAILY ROUTINE. EXCERPTS STRESS HER COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ASPECTS OF IRANIAN LIFE AND PROVIDE AN UP-DATE ON HER REACTION TO CURRENT FERMENT TAKING PLACE WITHIN CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF IRANIAN POPULATION.

2. REFLECTING A WIDESPREAD CONCERN OF INTELLECTUALS AND CONSERVATIVE CLERGY WITH CULTURAL CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN IRAN THE EMPRESS EMPHASIZED THAT MATERIAL POSSESSIONS ALONE CANNOT ENSURE HAPPINESS. CONTRASTING THE RURAL PEASANTRY AS "LIVING A RICH, HUMAN LIFE" WITH THOSE IN URBAN CENTERS "WHO HAVE BECOME RICH AND SPEND A GREAT DEAL" SHE WARNED THAT THE LATTER "MAY NO BE ABLE TO DIGEST THESE RAPID CHANGES".

3. EMPRESS IS QUOTED AS ATTACKING "BUREAUCRATIC-MINDED AND CONSERVATIVE ACADEMICS" WHO IMPLEMENT "EXTREMELY STRICT AND BUREAUCRATIC ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AT
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TEHRAN 04419 100609Z

OUR UNIVERSITIES". SHE STRESSED THAT THESE ACADEMICS MUST BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE AND "MORE FREEDOM" MUST BE GIVEN TO THE UNIVERSITIES. REFERRING TO THE FACT THAT MANY IRANIANS WHO STUDY ABROAD DO NOT RETURN HOME, THE EMPRESS NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE UNIVERSITY TRAINING FOR THE 50,000 STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD.

4. COMMENT: PORTION OF INTERVIEW WHICH APPEARED HERE IS REAFFIRMATION OF EMPRESS'S WELL KNOWN VIEWS--WHICH ARE THOUGHT TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE LIBERAL THAN THOSE OF THE SHAH. THESE PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO VARIOUS CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN PROJECTING A SOMEWHAT INDEPENDENT STANCE BY THE EMPRESS AND IN BURNISHING HER IMAGE AS A HARDWORKING, CONCERNED, "MODERN" MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY. THEY PROJECT CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE ROYAL FAMILY FOR THE HUMAN PROBLEMS THAT RESULT FROM IRAN'S RAPID, OFTEN HECTIC AND FRUSTRATING PACE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE.
SULLIVAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EDUCATION, PRESS CONFERENCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978TEHRAN04419
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780197-1158
Format: TEL
From: TEHRAN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780576/aaaacnjh.tel
Line Count: 75
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cbffb0a1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2743415
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: EMPRESS SUPPORTS LIBERALIZATION OF EDUCATION
TAGS: PINR, SEDU, IR, (PAHLAVI, FARAH)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cbffb0a1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014